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## TRUMP ASKED COMEY TO CLOSE FLYNN PROBE

**1** President Donald Trump asked then-FBI Director James Comey to shut down an investigation into ties between then-White House national security adviser Michael Flynn and Russia, The New York Times reported on Tuesday, citing a Comey memo. "I hope you can let this go," Trump told Comey, according to two people who read the memo, the Times reported. An



associate of Comey who has seen the memo told Reuters that the details of the document as reported by The New York Times were accurate. **REUTERS**

## PLANE VANISHES OFF BAHAMAS, FOUR MISSING

**2** A small airplane with four people aboard has vanished en route to Florida from Puerto Rico and a search is underway near the Bahamas, the Coast Guard said. Crews were scouring the waters 37 miles east of Eleuthera, Bahamas, in an attempt to locate Jennifer Blumin and Nathan Ulrich, both from New York, and her two sons, ages 10 and 4, the Coast Guard said on its website. The MU-2B plane was reported lost after failing to arrive on Monday at Titusville, Florida, 40 miles west of Orlando on Florida's Atlantic Coast. It had departed Borinquen, Puerto Rico, at about 11 a.m. local time Monday. Miami Air Traffic Control reported losing radar and radio contact with the plane at 2:10 p.m. Monday. The Coast Guard said on Tuesday afternoon that they found a debris field near the Bermuda Triangle. **REUTERS**

## SOURCE: GARLAND NOT INTERESTED IN FBI JOB

**3** U.S. appeals court judge Merrick Garland, turned away by the Senate last year for a Supreme Court post, is not interested in serving as FBI director, two sources said, even as the top Senate Republican recommended him for the job. Garland, the chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, has told people around him he "loves his job and is not interested in leaving the



"judiciary," said one of the sources familiar with the judge's thinking. The two sources

spoke on condition of anonymity. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he has mentioned Garland to President Donald Trump as a possible successor to James Comey, who Trump fired last week as FBI chief. **REUTERS**



## DEMOCRATS SPEAK OUT

**4** Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, takes questions from members of the media during a news conference following a Senate Democratic luncheon in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. **GETTY IMAGES**

## SNAPCHAT-LIKE CAMERA FILTERS FOR INSTAGRAM

**5** Facebook Inc.'s Instagram has souped up its camera with quirky face-tracking filters, adding another feature similar to one offered by social media rival Snap Inc.'s Snapchat. Instagram users will now be able to choose from eight filters including koala ears that move and twitch as well as math equations that spin to create humorous effects



for their photos or videos. Other new features include a rewind mode for videos, which will allow users to play video in reverse, and hashtag stickers to visit hashtag pages. Facebook has been amping up its camera tool to take on Snapchat's features such as disappearing messages and face-tracking filters, which are hugely popular among its teenaged and millennial users. **REUTERS**

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# President Trump's scandalous week: A timeline of controversy

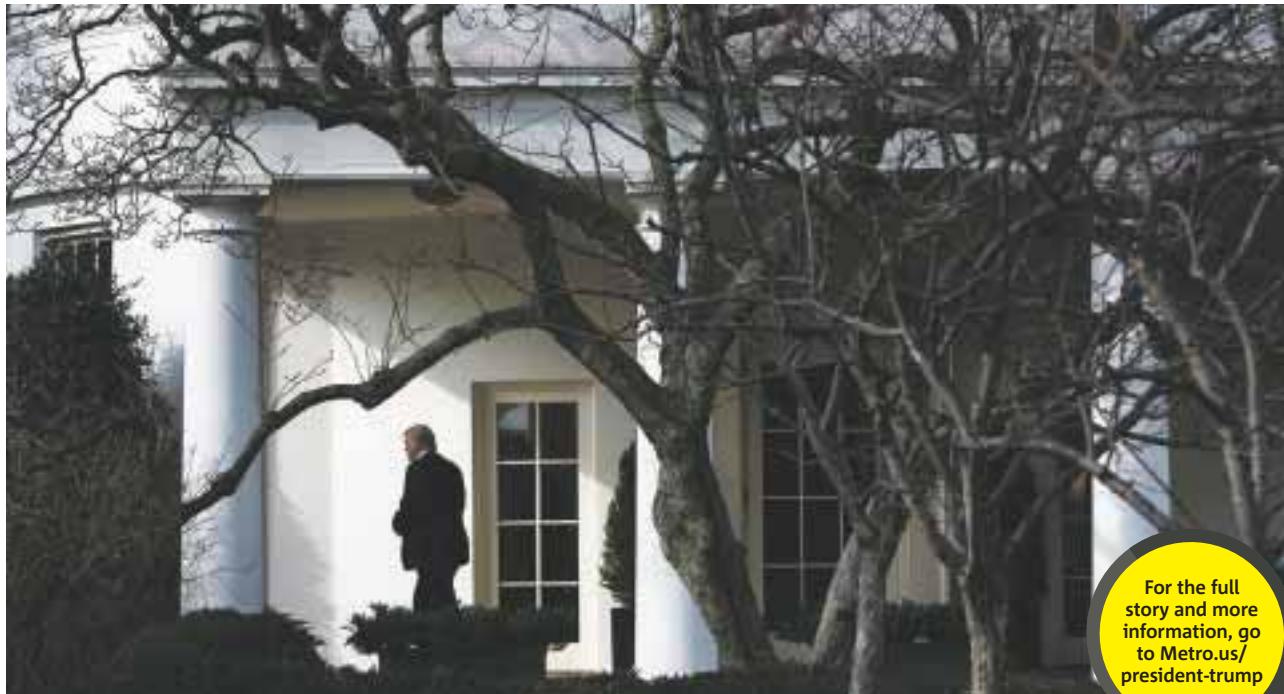
Classified information? Russian diplomats? Laptop bombs? This timeline will help you unravel the latest White House saga before the next bombshell.



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This week is already shaping up to be a chaotic one for the Trump White House after reports surfaced alleging that the president revealed highly classified information to Russian officials and that former FBI Director James Comey wrote a memo after a meeting with the president in which Trump allegedly encouraged Comey not to pursue an investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn's ties to Russia.

Last week, Trump held a closed-door meeting with the Russian foreign minister and Moscow's ambassador to the United States and allegedly revealed an Islamic State plot to attack commercial airlines by hiding bombs in laptops.



President Trump's conversation with Russian diplomats is being scrutinized for what it may have revealed. GETTY IMAGES

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## Monday afternoon

The Washington Post published a report citing current and former U.S. officials who claimed Trump "jeopardized a critical source of intelligence on the Islamic State." Trump "revealed more information to the Russian ambassador than we have shared with our own

allies," a U.S. official told the Washington Post.

## Monday night

National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster called the story "false."

## Tuesday morning

America woke up to tweets from POTUS on his "absolute right" to

share information with Russia, saying he wants "Russia to greatly step up their fight against ISIS and terrorism."

## Tuesday afternoon

McMaster did not deny that the information is classified, and he would not definitively say whether or not the presi-

dent gave up top-secret information. He called the president's conversation with the Russians "appropriate," adding that POTUS couldn't have revealed the source because he hadn't been briefed to that extent. The main issue for McMaster appeared to be the fact that Trump's conversa-

tion had been leaked.

## Tuesday evening

The New York Times reported that the information Trump shared with Russia was provided by Israel. There is a concern that Russia could pass the information to its close ally Iran – Israel's main threat in the region.

## New poll: More Americans support Trump impeachment than oppose it

More Americans support impeaching President Donald Trump than don't, a new poll shows.

Almost half of Americans — 48 percent — want to impeach Trump while 41 percent remain opposed, a Public Policy Polling survey shows. Just 43 percent of voters believe Trump will finish a full term in office.

The poll, funded by a Democratic polling agency, suggested voters are having buyer's remorse about the outcome of the 2016 presidential election — 49 percent said they wish Hillary Clinton was in the White House instead of Trump, compared to 41 percent who disagree with that sentiment.



Trump has the lowest approval rating of any president since 1953. GETTY IMAGES

The Trump administration has weathered more than its share of controversies after just four months in office. Americans are not happy

with Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey or reports that Trump divulged highly classified intelligence to Russian officials, and it's

all beginning to weigh on the president's credibility.

Following conflicting

# 48%

ALMOST HALF OF  
AMERICANS — 48  
PERCENT — WANT  
TO IMPEACH TRUMP

information from the White House following Comey's firing last week, Trump tweeted it was unreasonable to expect his press staff to always tell the truth, but 77 percent of voters say they do expect the president's press secretaries

to tell the truth all the time, compared to only 14 percent who say that isn't their expectation.

At this point, a majority of Americans — 51 percent — outright say they think Trump is a liar, and just 38 percent of voters said they consider Trump to be honest.

Trump's refusal to release his tax returns is causing a major trust issue for voters — 62 percent think he needs to release them while just 29 percent believe it's not necessary.

Healthcare has been another obstacle to Trump's and Republicans' favorability. Just 25 percent of Americans support the American

Health Care Act, while 52 percent are opposed.

"House Republicans passed a healthcare bill that doesn't even have majority support within their own party," Dean Debnam, president of Public Policy Polling, said in a statement.

"The main thing the bill seems to have done is get Democrats even more fired up for 2018 than they were already."

Trump has suffered from consistently low approval ratings since taking office, never edging much above 40 percent, according to Gallup. Trump has the lowest approval of any new president since 1953.

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# Everything you need to know about the WannaCry ransomware attack

There may be more cyberattacks to come, experts said, so learn from this one about how you can protect your data.



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By now, you've probably read about WannaCry, the ransomware responsible for cyberattacks worldwide that might be orchestrated by hackers in North Korea.

But what exactly is it and who is at risk? We spoke with an expert

from a cybersecurity company: Jack Danahy, CTO of Barkly.

#### What is ransomware?

"The most common forms of ransomware take advantage of a user executing a code or visiting a website, which will encrypt a variety of different kinds of content important to that user," Danahy said. "Having done that, it throws up a screen that says, 'If you ever want to see this data again, send me money.'"

The data that is literally being held for ransom can be any file from text documents to photos. If you don't pay by the designated time

— usually in Bitcoin, which is an anonymous currency — the data is deleted.

#### Why is WannaCry so effective?

"What makes WannaCry different and why it spreads so rapidly is that it takes advantage of a vulnerability in an earlier released version of Microsoft software," Danahy said.

WannaCry uses an exploit (a sequence of commands that starts an attack) to take advantage of this vulnerable software. The exploit was released about two months ago by a group called Shadow Brokers, who



Some of the WannaCry code is similar to past North Korean hacks, some say. PIXABAY

said that they took this tool from the National Security Agency.

#### Who is vulnerable?

Anyone using Windows is vulnerable, experts said — Apple and Linux operating systems are not affected. That means anyone, from your home computer to hospitals or any com-

pany network.

#### WannaCry is slowing down, so is there still reason to worry?

In a word: Yes.

There could be more attacks to come, Danahy said. Remember the exploit that made WannaCry so pervasive to so many different computers by taking

advantage in the software's vulnerability?

"The people who released these exploits into the wild had gone silent for some time and just popped up again following WannaCry," Danahy said. "We see that they're now saying that they're going to be selling new exploits starting in June."

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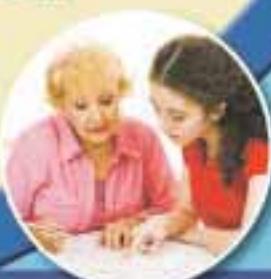
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# Why Knee Arthritis Sufferers Of Almost All Ages Are Opting For Newest Medical Procedures Before Surgery . . .

*Fraction of the cost, minimal risk and little to no downtime amongst top reasons*

By Matt Edgar

*America's Health Writer*

**New York City** - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

*"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment"* noted the clinic director at the **NY Pain MD** in New York City. *"The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at NY Pain MD because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"*

## What is the "correct treatment?"

*"That depends,"* said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



*"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."*

**Can This Be Avoided?** Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.



## Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint

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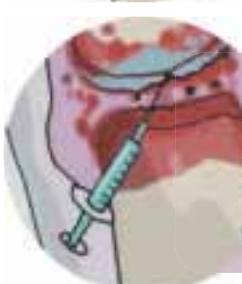
In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



## Knee With Painful Arthritis

### Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



## Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging

### Failed Treatment -

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



## Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Joint Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology

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## Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

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# Mayor: Fewer New Yorkers living in near-poverty for first time since Great Recession

A city initiative to pull 800K residents out of poverty or near-poverty is five years ahead of schedule.

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For the first time since the Great Recession, there are fewer New Yorkers living in near-poverty, according to a new report from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity.

The "New York City Government Poverty Measure" report, which details data from 2005 to 2015, found that the near-poverty rate declined to 44.2 percent in 2015 from 45.1 percent the prior year, the largest drop since the city began tracking the rate and the first significant year-over-year drop since the 2008 financial crisis.

Additionally, city residents living in actual poverty dropped to 19.9 percent from 20.7 percent between 2013 and 2015.

"It may sound small, but it is a really big deal," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "Our analysis also shows that 281,000 New Yorkers will be lifted out of poverty or near-poverty by the end

of this year."

Near-poverty is the percentage of those living below 150 percent of New York City's poverty threshold.

The latter statistic de Blasio mentioned puts an initiative that aims to pull 800,000 city residents out of poverty or near-poverty by 2025 on track to be five years ahead of schedule "as the minimum wage rises to \$15 and other anti-poverty initiatives take hold," the statement read.

Between 2013 and 2015, several demographic groups, including men, women, childless families, single parents, Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites and blacks, saw a drop in at- or near-poverty rates.

Additionally, the amount of New Yorkers making more than \$50,000 a year reached its highest level in 10 years, with 124,000 more people making that in 2015 than in 2013.

Until Tuesday, the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity, aka NYC Opportunity, was known as the Center for Economic Opportunity. The new unit merges that CEO division with HHS-Connect, which uses data and tech to serve clients of Health and Human Services.



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# US, Mexico bolster efforts to combat deadly tide of fentanyl

The United States and Mexico pledged to step up efforts to beat the growing threat of fentanyl, a synthetic opiate up to 50 times more lethal than heroin blamed for the deaths of thousands of people in recent years, including rock star Prince.

A U.N. body in March added to an international list of controlled substances two chemicals used to make fentanyl, which the United States said would help fight a wave of deaths by overdose of the painkiller.

The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risk "is finalizing revisions to the laws that will add these precursors to the list of controlled substances in Mexico. We encourage the rapid approval of these reviews," U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Roberta Jacobson said in Mexico City on Tuesday as a two-day conference

on fentanyl kicked off. Over 33,000 people died in the United States in 2015 from opioid-related overdoses, including heroin or fentanyl, a 72 percent jump from a year earlier, Jacobson said. Among last year's victims was music superstar Prince, coroners said.

"Current trends indicate that this figure will rise in 2016 and 2017," Jacobson said, underscoring that halting the trade in opioids and other illicit drugs is a No.1 priority for my government."

During the conference, U.S. and Mexican law enforcement and regulatory agencies will share best practices for the detection, identification, analysis and management of fentanyl with Mexican forensic scientists.

The scientists are also being trained on the protocols for handling and storing fentanyl, as ingesting or absorbing even small amounts through the skin can be lethal, experts say.

Alberto Elias Beltran, a Mexican deputy attorney general responsible for international affairs, said tackling the problem would require better knowledge on consumption.



U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Roberta Jacobson GETTY IMAGES

tion habits, seizures, modes of concealment, and manufacturing and distribution.

"In Mexico, so far in 2017 we have executed four seizures of this substance in different forms," said Elias.

The head of counter-narcotics at the U.S. State Department, William Brownfield, estimated earlier this year more than 90 percent of the heroin currently consumed in the United States comes from Mexico, along with most of the fentanyl.

Brownfield said fentanyl was being trafficked by the same organizations moving heroin and other opioids from Mexico into the United States, but emphasized that most of the fentanyl entering the United States originated in China. REUTERS



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# Study: Most US troops kicked out for misconduct had mental illness

A majority of U.S. troops discharged from the military for misconduct during a four-year period ending in 2015 had been diagnosed with mental health conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, a new study found.

The report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office will likely add to scrutiny over whether the U.S. military is doing enough to care for troops identified with mental health issues during their service, instead of simply casting them out.

The GAO analysis showed that 62 percent of the 91,764 servicemembers discharged for misconduct during the fiscal years 2011 through 2015 had been diagnosed within the



U.S. troops near Kandahar, Afghanistan  
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which made them potentially ineligible for health benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans' advocates have long complained about a lack of support for former U.S. servicemembers who do not have honorable discharge papers, something new Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin has announced plans to address.

The watchdog said the Navy does not require medical examination or screening of some sailors who are being kicked out of the service for misconduct. It said the Army and Marine Corps "may not have adhered to their own screening, training and counseling policies related to PTSD and TBI." REUTERS

previous two years with conditions including PTSD, TBI "or certain other conditions that could be associated with misconduct."

Twenty-three percent of the servicemembers received an "other than honorable" discharge,

# US: Expansion of ban on larger electronics on airlines likely

Any expansion of the ban could affect U.S. and European carriers such as United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and American Airlines.

U.S. Homeland Security chief John Kelly has not made a final decision on extending a ban on larger electronic devices on airplanes, but the department still believes an expansion is likely, a spokesman said on Tuesday.

Fears that a bomb could be concealed in electronic devices prompted the United States to announce in March it would restrict passengers from bringing devices larger than cellphones on flights originating from 10 airports, in-

cluding in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey. Britain followed suit with restrictions on a slightly different set of routes.

DHS spokesman David Lapan declined to offer guidance on when a decision on an expansion would be made, but reiterated it was likely the restrictions would be expanded.

The United States has been considering increasing the number of airports affected by the ban to possibly include some European ones, prompting the EU to hold a meeting of aviation security officials last week.

In Australia, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said on Tuesday the country may ban passengers from bringing laptop computers into the cabin on some international flights.

"We are looking at it very closely, taking into account all the information and advice we are receiving internationally and working very closely with our partners," Turnbull said, according to a transcript released by his office. REUTERS

The meeting was arranged during a phone call between Kelly and EU min-

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# Oregon man charged with decapitating mom on Mother's Day

A blood-covered man carrying the severed head of his mother and a knife, walked into an Oregon grocery store on Mother's Day and stabbed a clerk before being subdued, local law enforcement officials said.

Joshua Lee Webb, 36, faces charges of murder in the death of his mother, Tina Marie Webb, 59, and attempted murder for the attack on the clerk, Michael Wagner, who was recovering from his wounds in a hospital, according to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department.

Webb is being held in the Clackamas County Jail, the Sheriff's Department said in a statement on Monday.

Customers fled the Estacada Harvest Market Thriftway in Estacada, Oregon on Sunday morning and called police after Webb entered carrying the head, according to local press reports.

After Wagner, 66, was stabbed, he and other store employees subdued Webb and held him until police arrived, the Sheriff's Department said.

At about the same time, police said they also responded to a call at the Webb home in Colton, about 12 miles away, where they found Webb's mother dead. Webb lived with his parents, they said.

Police did not provide any details on what led to Tina Marie



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Webb's murder. It was not immediately possible to contact Webb or identify an attorney representing him.

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# Cosby says he will not testify at his sexual assault trial

The former star of the 1980s family sitcom "The Cosby Show" said he intends to return to performing following the trial.

Comedian Bill Cosby does not plan to testify in his defense at his sexual assault trial in June, he said on Tuesday in his first extended public comments in two years.

The 79-year-old told Sirius-XM radio host Michael Smerconish that the dozens of women who have come forward to accuse him of sexual misconduct were "piling on" and suggested that racism has played a role in his treatment because he is black.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Monday in a Pennsylvania courtroom ahead of Cosby's June 5

trial on charges that he drugged and sexually assaulted Andrea Constand, a former basketball coach at his alma mater Temple University, in 2004.

The case is the only criminal prosecution to result from accusations by approximately 60 women that Cosby sexually assaulted them. Many of the incidents allegedly occurred decades ago. Cosby has denied any wrongdoing.

In the interview, Cosby declined to comment extensively on the upcoming trial, citing legal advice from his attorneys. But when Smerconish asked whether he will testify, Cosby replied, "No," saying that lawyers can twist a witness' words.

"When you have to deal with examination, cross-examination, et cetera, et cetera, more than two sides to every story – sometimes it's four or



Bill Cosby leaves Dec. 30, 2015 the Court House in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, after arraignment on charges of aggravated indecent assault. GETTY IMAGES

five," he said.

Cosby described preparing a Mother's Day meal for his wife of more than five decades, Camille, and spoke about growing up in a poor Philadelphia neighborhood.

Two of Cosby's daughters recently released taped statements defending their father. Ensa Cosby said she believed her father is innocent and "racism has played a big role in all aspects of

the scandal."

Asked whether he agreed with that view, Cosby said, "Could be, could be," before adding, "I just truly believe that some of it may very well be that."

Cosby also said that his wife has never wavered in her support.

"I still feel that I have an awful lot to offer in terms of my writing, in terms of my performance," he said. REUTERS

## Groups seek removal of Kentucky judge over views on gay adoption

Civil liberties groups called for the removal of a Kentucky judge who gained national attention last month for announcing that he would refuse to hear cases involving lesbian, gay or bisexual adults hoping to adopt.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other rights groups filed a complaint with Kentucky's judicial conduct commission against W. Mitchell Nance, a judge in the state's Family Court, and said in an emailed statement that they were seeking his dismissal from the bench.

"His discriminatory beliefs ... prevent him from fairly and impartially acting as a judge for all Kentuckians," Kentucky ACLU Legal Director William Sharp said.

Staff reached by tele-

phone at Nance's office on Tuesday said they had been instructed to decline requests for comment on his behalf.

Nance made headlines in April when he announced that he would recuse himself from adoption cases involving same-sex couples because of his personal objections to gay couples adopting.

That echoed Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis' 2015 refusal to issue same-sex marriage licenses because it violated her religious beliefs.

Nance's refusal to hear cases involving such a broad group of individuals is highly unusual, said Russell Wheeler, a law professor at American University and a former deputy director of the Federal Judicial Center who has studied recusal. REUTERS

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# Manning leaves prison to a US more accepting of transgender identity

After Manning's 2013 conviction, the soldier was sentenced to 35 years in prison. But former President Barack Obama, during his final days in office, commuted the remaining 28 years on the sentence.

Chelsea Manning, the Army soldier responsible for a massive leak of classified material, will walk out of prison on Wednesday after seven years to find a country that has grown more accepting of her transgender identity but less enamored with the cause that led to her incarceration.

In 2010, the former military intelligence analyst, then known as Pfc.

Bradley Manning, provided thousands of secret documents to WikiLeaks, an international organization that publishes such information from anonymous sources. It was the most sweeping breach of its kind in U.S. history.

After being convicted of espionage, Manning said she identified as a woman and began her transition, even as the Army kept her in the men's prison, requiring a male haircut. Her lawyer said she twice tried to commit suicide and faced long stretches of solitary confinement and denial of healthcare.

While Manning was in prison, the Defense Department last year lifted a longstanding ban against transgender men and women serving openly in the military. This freed 7,000 active and reserve transgender members to



Chelsea Manning in 2010  
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tell the truth about their gender identity, according to Pentagon estimates.

Although transgender people still complain of widespread discrimination in education, employment and medical care, awareness of the issue has exploded since Manning went to jail. Celebrities such as Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox have become part of the mainstream.

Manning, 29, is likely to become a transgender

*“She is someone who is driven by a sense of justice. And I don’t see her fading into a private life.”*

Strangio

advocate after her release from the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, said Chase Strangio, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union who has represented Manning.

“She is someone who is driven by a sense of justice. And I don’t see her fading into a private life,” Strangio said, listing transgender youth, prisoners and women of color as potential causes.

Still, Manning faces a difficult transition to freedom, Strangio said. Social conservatives reject expansion of transgender rights, and many national security experts revile her for providing more than 700,000 documents, videos, diplomatic cables and battlefield accounts to WikiLeaks while serving as an intelligence analyst in Baghdad.

Manning said she disclosed classified information “out of a love for my country” to expose truths about the civil war in Iraq.

“Chelsea is going to come out of prison a public figure, a polarizing figure, a person who has a lot of recognition and that people project a lot onto, but who has

very few resources herself. And so she’s going to have a lot to navigate,” Strangio said. REUTERS



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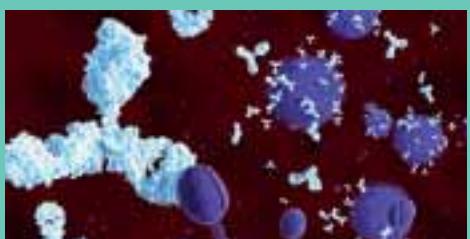
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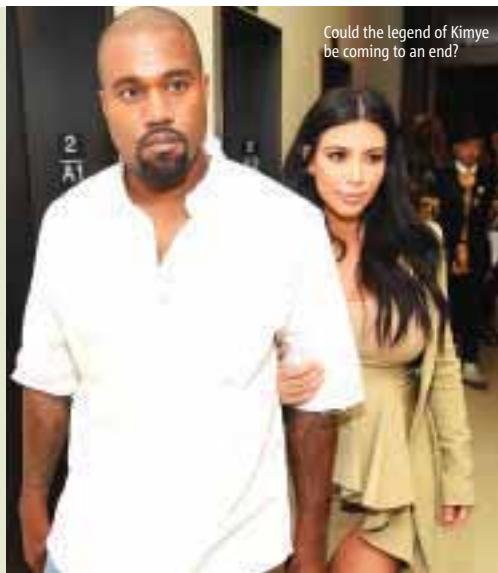
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## Are Kim and Kanye calling it quits?

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West could be headed toward divorce. Or at least, that's what some not-that-reputable sources say.

With their third wedding anniversary coming up soon — oh my God, this has been the longest three years ever, right? — The Mirror is reporting that not only are they spending the day, but they might be on a trial split right now anyway. Because if a couple isn't in the same room, that means they are not together any more. Didn't you know?

West, 39, has recently gone to Wyoming to find himself in the mountains, as you do, and to possibly work on a new album.



But maybe it's more than that! "We're all concerned that this could be a sign their marriage is on the rocks and that they want time apart," a source says. "Kanye is in a very odd place in his life right now, so he's happy to take a break. Kim convinced him that this was the best solution for him, as it would allow him

to take time out of the spotlight." Oh, dear.

I suppose we just wait and see, eh?

## Brad Pitt says he doesn't have secrets anymore, but that's a lie, right?

Brad Pitt talked to the Associated Press about his swollen ego — their words, not mine — and honestly, William Bradley? I see what you're doing and I tire of your ways.

In support of "War Machine," the 53-year-old commits to being an open book for the second time this month, which maybe is too soon. "Hubris is a trap, and it's the trap of every great nation that has been No. 1 for too long." Um, OK. What are you talking about, my dude? "You start believing your own stink. Anytime I've gotten in trouble, it's because of my own hubris."

Damn, must be



What's the point of being a celebrity if you don't have secrets, though?

hard to be a cis white male burdened with privilege.

"I've got no secrets. I've got nothing to hide," he continued. "We're human, and I find the human condition very interesting. If we're not talking about it, then we're not getting better." Oh, dear.

He's really giving me MFA-in-Fiction vibes and I hate it!

Just teasin', William Bradley. You know I'm here for you. I just know your PR people are behind this so I don't love it as much as I would if I thought it was your idea.

Another day, another impromptu marriage.  
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## Elle King got married behind your back

Elle King is a singer-songwriter. You may know her from her infectious (read: really hard to get out of your head) song "Ex's & Oh's." Or, if you're like me, and you're just more into arbitrary trivia about people you'll never meet, you may know her as Rob Schneider's secret daughter.

Turns out, li'l Elle is a secret-keeper herself. A month after her planned wedding date — she was

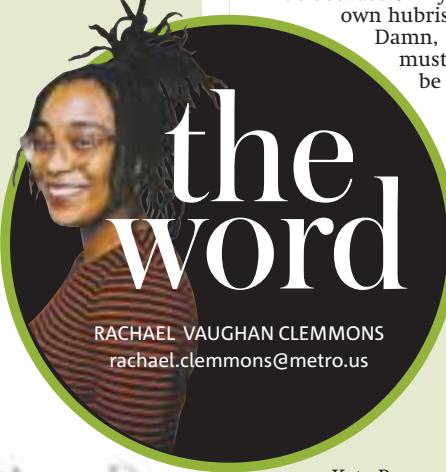
set to marry Andrew "Fergie" Ferguson — the "America's Sweetheart" singer is opening up about the fact that A) She's been secretly married this whole time and B) She's about to get divorced. As she admits, she kind of lost her mind there for a second.

"We secretly got married three weeks after we met on 2/14/2016," she wrote. "It was and will forever be one of the happiest days of my

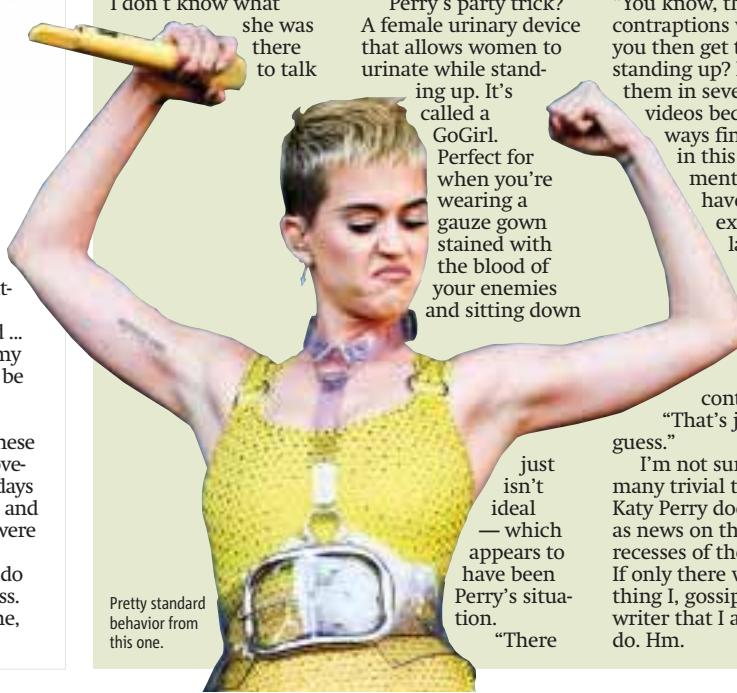
life... He is the greatest love of my life. He is my best friend... You'll always have my heart. You'll always be my first husband."

OK, wow, lots to parse. To be clear, these two former crazy lovebirds met, then 12 days later were engaged, and ten days after that were secretly married.

Love makes you do insane things, I guess. Better luck next time, bb.



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## Katy Perry talked to Ellen about peeing, for some reason

about. But she did give up her secret for peeing in her Met Gala dress.

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was a lot of self-control, practice and GoGirls," the 32-year-old said. "You know, those little contraptions where you then get to urinate standing up? I've used them in several music videos because I always find myself in this predicament where I have a very extravagant, lavish, unrealistic, unpractical costume on," she continued.

"That's just me, I guess."

I'm not sure why the many trivial things that Katy Perry does count as news on the dark recesses of the internet. If only there was something I, gossip column writer that I am, could do. Hm.

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It was almost David Lynch's third TV show (after the quickly canceled "On the Air"). Initially he'd filmed "Mulholland Dr." as a pilot for ABC. Naomi Watts played a perky Midwestern gal who teams up with a mysterious amnesiac (Laura Elena Harring) to investigate another curious mystery. ABC heads hated it — but that wasn't the end of "Mulholland Dr." French financiers slipped Lynch enough money to turn the

aborted show into a movie. What Lynch did next was Lynch-level bizarre: He simply tacked on a 45-minute ending to the pilot, which remained untouched. In essence, it's a TV show that suddenly turns into a movie — a great movie, packed with one fantastic scene after another. If we lost another potential "Twin Peaks," then at least we gained a film masterpiece. (And it was voted by the BBC as the best movie of the last decade.)

## "TWIN PEAKS: FIRE WALK WITH ME" HULU

It was booed at Cannes. Audiences ignored it. Lynch's career was presumed to be dead. But the years have been kind to "Twin Peaks" 1992 prequel movie, released one year after the show was unceremoniously bounced from the airwaves. As early as 1997, David Foster Wallace was defending it, arguing that it's a devastating

look at the deeply, wildly troubled Laura Palmer (a fearless Sheryl Lee), who struggled to be both the most popular girl in school and a coke-addled, self-destructive menace. Lynch has said seeing "Fire Walk with Me" is a prerequisite to understanding the show's third season. There's another reason to give it a chance.



Sheryl Lee as the very much alive Laura Palmer JANUS FILMS

## "ERASERHEAD" - NETFLIX INSTANT



Jack Nance, aka Pete Martell from "Twin Peaks" JANUS FILMS

Lynch's first feature is still his best — his most focused mood piece, even if it often defies description. Still, don't go in simply trying to interpret it. You don't decode "Eraserhead"; you experience it. It's a waking nightmare in which Jack Nance — aka "Peaks'" sweet Pete Martell — plays a sad sack living in a vaguely postapocalyptic

hellscape with his eternally crying monster-child. A midnight movie sensation whose fans included Mel Brooks (who hired Lynch to helm "The Elephant Man"), it's freaky just as much at home as it is projected on a grimy print in a theater. Due to that relentlessly nerve-jangling sound design, watch it loud.

## DAVID LYNCH SHORTS - FILMSTRUCK



"The Grandmother" FILMSTRUCK

If you want to plunge deep into Lynch's CV, try the handful of shorts and oddities dwelling on FilmStruck. Many of these hail from his pre-"*Eraserhead*" art school days, including the nightmarish "The Grandmother" and the installation piece "Six Men Getting Sick," which is exactly as advertised. Then there's "Premonitions Following an Evil Deed." Made in 1995, it runs only 52 seconds long and was shot on the world's oldest film camera. (It was made for the all-star filmmaker anthology film "Lumiere and Company," which rang in the centenary of cinema.) But just under a minute is all it needs to be as haunting and perplexing as "*Eraserhead*".

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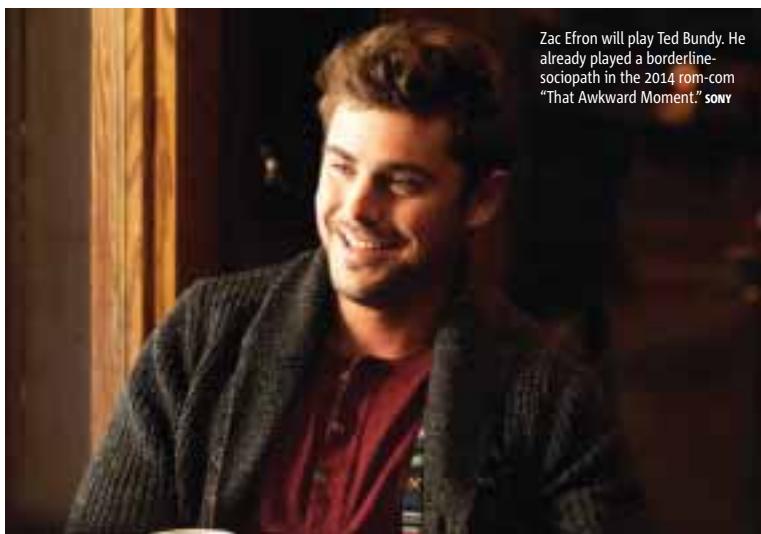
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Zac Efron will play Ted Bundy. He already played a borderline-sociopath in the 2014 rom-com "That Awkward Moment." SONY

## Zac Efron will make the perfect Ted Bundy

The "High School Musical" alum is going to play the noted serial killer. It's good casting.



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Well, here's something we never expected Zac Efron to do back in 2008, or even back in 2016: He's going to play Ted Bundy. There's a biopic about the serial killer in the works, to be called "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile." And on top of boasting a title that's a little long and hard to remember (seriously, consider losing one, maybe two adjectives before you settle on a name), it also just cast the former "High School Musical" star as someone who

killed over 30 people.

Here's where we make the case that Zac Efron is secretly a good actor. He's actually very funny — provided he's playing the quietly self-hating villain (as in the "Neighbors" films), not a light comedy but a "dark psychological thriller." Efron isn't just a lovable lothario who needs an awakening; his pursuit of women purely for sex, Ebiri argues, is downright sociopathic. He isn't just a horndog; he really doesn't understand that other people have feelings, because he doesn't have them himself.

So maybe Efron is the perfect thespian to play a noted serial killer who spent some four years racking up a mighty body count. Look at his perfect abs, his dreamy blue eyes, his faux-innocent face. We doubt very highly that Zac Efron is a murderer himself. But can he play a guy who tried to lure women to help with his "sailboat" only for there to be no sailboat? Sure.

We defer to critic Bilge Ebiri's hilarious old review of "That Awkward Moment," a typical rom-com in which Efron plays The Lothario Who's Quietly Hurting Inside. Rather than critique it straight-up, Ebiri adopts a deeply funny gimmick: It pretends that the movie is

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# Val Kilmer is back — as an artist



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The actor is making his NYC gallery debut with a show about finding a new life after "death."



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Bet you haven't heard the name Val Kilmer lately — and definitely not in the context of fine art.

Yet the star of "Top Gun," "Tombstone" and one of the less memorable (for better or worse) entries in the Batman franchise, "Batman Forever," is making his New York City art world debut on May 20 at the Lower East Side's Woodward Gallery.

The exhibition, "Valholla," features about 20

paintings, sculptures and sketches by the actor. Though he calls affectionately calls them "scribbles," his previous collage series titled "Wonderland" has been exhibited internationally.

While Woodward is an appointment-only gallery, a rep tells Metro most of the works will be visible through its street-level glass wall. Oh, and Kilmer himself will drop by randomly, so keep an eye on their social.

"My love for New York is very, very deep. Because of the theater it has been my mecca since early childhood," according to a statement from Kilmer posted by the gallery, which describes his exhibit as a celebration of New York. "It is holy ground for me."

The exhibit's name riffs on Valhalla, the realm of the afterlife in

Norse mythology (and maybe, by our best guess, "holla at ya boi"?). Just as the Vikings passed into the next realm, the 57-year-old has been on his own existential journey from fame to not-fame and reflecting on his self-worth through "gestural abstractions" and pop art.

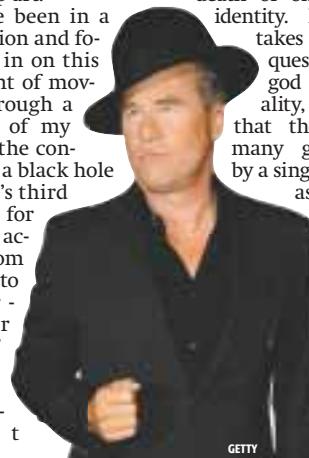
"I've been in a transition and focusing on this moment of moving through a period of my life as the concept of a black hole — one's third act or, for an actor, from lead to character parts," Kilmer's statement

continued.

"It's this moment of identifying the passage-way, that black hole moment, and the promise or recognition that it's not black at all."

It's a little wacky, but there's something beautiful about finding life after a major loss like the death of one's previous identity. Kilmer also takes on heavy questions about god and spirituality, suggesting that there can be many gods known by a single name. Just as, say, many actors have played the *C a p e d Crusader*?

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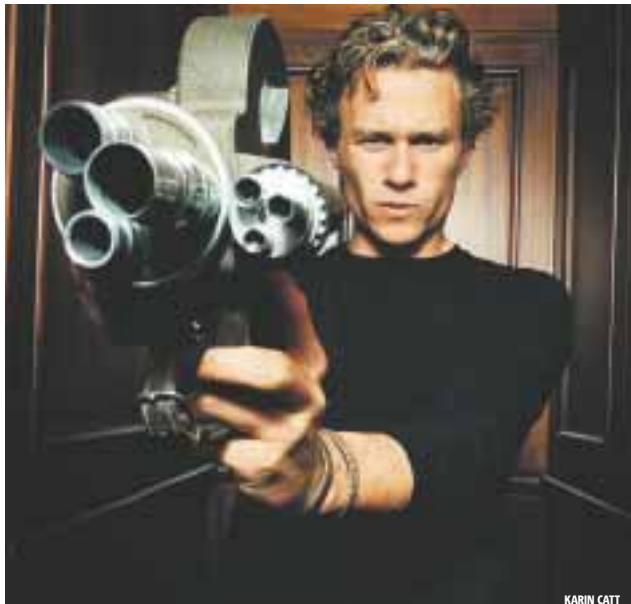
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# Heath Ledger was much more than an actor



KARIN CATT



HEATH LEDGER PHOTOGRAPHY

Heath Ledger excelled behind the camera as a director, photographer and visual artist. Sometimes he'd even paint on top of his original photography (right).

A new film uncovers his quest to create.



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More than nine years have passed since the untimely death of Heath Ledger. Best known for his iconic roles as Ennis in "Brokeback Mountain" and The Joker in "The Dark Knight" (which earned him an Academy Award posthumously), speculation continues to swirl around his passing, with

many subscribing to the belief that he was dragged down to a dark place by his craft.

A documentary his life and work, "I Am Heath Ledger," is anything but dark, however, portraying Ledger as a passionate artist, chock full of *joie de vivre*.

"He was having the time of his life — he was enjoying it. He was at the top of his game as far as he was concerned," says filmmaker Derik Murray, who'd been interested in exploring Ledger's life for some time.

The documentary re-

veals many surprising details about the actor's life — one being that acting was only a small part of his artistic output. Ledger burned even more brightly behind the camera as a photographer and director.

"His main goal was to become a director," says Murray. "He was directing these music videos and was super-hands-on learning the craft and loved music. He even DJed at his house, and that wasn't something that was widely known unless you knew him."

Long before the days

of Snapchat, Ledger was also ahead of his time when it came to documenting his incredible journey — bringing his video camera everywhere.

"He filmed behind the scenes when he was traveling or on set. But he also used the camera as an acting tool — filming himself," Murray notes. "He never took any formal acting lessons, which is amazing."

Murray's production company was given access to all of these personal videos as well as Ledger's visual works by

Heath Ledger's estate.

"We had access to this content, and it really says it all. It was so exciting and fresh and so filled with life that in the editing suite, we were like, Heath is a co-director in this movie we're making," Murray says.

Ledger's family and long list of friends (including actor Naomi Watts and musician Ben Harper) provide commentary on his truly extraordinary life and career in the film.

"So many people loved him, and we wanted the world to know,"

Murray says.

The documentary also provides inspiration to the artist in all of us to go out there and in Ledger's own words, "not be afraid to fall."

"His energy was absolutely infectious and a big part of who he was," Murray reflects. "His creativity was something he embraced daily and never took it for granted. He was on a mission every day to create something. That's something we can all appreciate."

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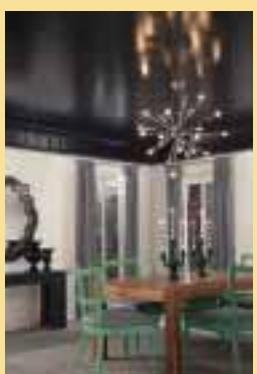
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Design enthusiasts in the tristate area were freaking out when Portland, Oregon-based home goods retailer Rejuvenation announced it would be opening its first East Coast location in the Flatiron district. Well, the time has come for New Yorkers to see in person all the beautiful objects they previously obsessed about online. Located on the ground floor of the Presbyterian Building, the new location is 5,500 square feet, the perfect size to display the variety of beautiful goods, including lighting (seriously, so good), furniture and hardware.

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This Jonathan Adler Lampert sofa was \$3,695 and will be on sale for \$2,000.

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Louis T. Wright HDFC, is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 3 affordable renovated brownstones now under construction at 455 Convent Avenue, 457 Convent Avenue and 524 West 150th Street in the Sugar Hill area of Manhattan. These brownstones are being constructed through the Neighborhood Homes Program of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

The amenities will include hardwood floors and appliances.

Each brownstone has 1 (2) bedroom unit and 2 (1) bedroom units.

The sales prices, and income requirements are as follows

Neighborhood Houses Program not exceeding 165% of Area Medium Income.

Home Address	Household Size	Total Annual Income Minimum**	Total Annual Income Maximum**	Estimated Subsidized Sale Price***
455 Convent Avenue	1	\$82,500	\$104,775	\$625,033
	2	\$94,250	\$119,625	
	3	\$106,000	\$134,640	
	4	\$117,780	\$149,490	
457 Convent Avenue	1	\$82,500	\$104,775	\$625,033
	2	\$94,250	\$119,625	
	3	\$106,000	\$134,640	
	4	\$117,780	\$149,490	
524 West 150th Street	1	\$82,500	\$104,775	\$640,000
	2	\$94,250	\$119,625	
	3	\$106,000	\$134,640	
	4	\$117,780	\$149,490	

\* Subject to occupancy criteria.

\* Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children.

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\*\*\* Estimated subsidized sale prices may be subject to change. **Home buyer secures mortgage from private lender.**

Eligible buyers should have minimum of 10% of the purchase price available for down payment. Buyers must occupy the brownstone as their primary residence. **Please note that the quoted sales prices, maximum household income, amenities etc., are estimated and are subject to change.**

**To request an application: REQUEST BY MAIL: Louis T. Wright HDFC. C/O 443 West 125th Street New York, N.Y. 10027.** Include a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

**Informational sessions will be held on: May 3, 2017 and June 9, 2017 at 6 P.M. at 439 West 125th Street Community Room Location** Seminar attendance is not mandatory to purchase a home.

**Qualified applicants will be required to meet income guidelines and additional selection criteria. Completed applications must be returned by regular mail only (no priority, certified, registered, express, oversized, or overnight mail will be accepted) to a post office box number that will be listed on the application, and must be postmarked by JUNE 19, 2017 the deadline date. All applications postmarked after the deadline date will be set aside for possible future consideration.** Applications will be selected by a lottery; applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified. General preference will be given to New York City residents. 5% of the units are set aside for mobility-impaired applicants. 2% of the units are set aside for visual or hearing impaired applicants. Preference for a percentage of units goes to: Residents of Manhattan Community Board 9 (50%) and Municipal employees (5%).

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# Inside 443 Greenwich, Tribeca's most star-

TRD shows you who's bought at the condo conversion so far.

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It's become New York's answer to the Chateau Marmont for some of the world's biggest stars.

An abandoned book bindery turned high-end condominium at 443 Greenwich Street in Tribeca is making headlines for the steady stream of A-list stars who have purchased units there. Some of the biggest celebs to have signed on so far include Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds, Jennifer Lawrence, Justin Timberlake, Formula One star Lewis Hamilton and Harry Styles, sources told The Real Deal.

Nathan Berman's Metro loft Management,

the developer of the building, which has an "paparazzi-proof" underground motor court, declined to comment on any of the big name buyers, but conceded that it's become a magnet for the entertainment crowd. He's previously said that 90 percent of the buyers in the 53-unit building are "household names."

Most buyers purchased under the guise of limited liability companies, so deciphering their true identities — and which buyers bought which unit — is tricky, and some of the biggest name buyers haven't yet closed on their deals. Here's a look at who has:

**3J**  
A trust that appears to be linked to former "One Direction" crooner turned solo artist Harry Styles signed on for a 2,868-square-foot, three-bedroom unit way back in 2015, paying \$8.71 million. A woman



The high-end Tribeca condo at 443 Greenwich Street has an impressive roster of celebrity tenants. PROVIDED

by the same name as Styles' personal assistant, Emma Spring, is listed as the trustee on the deed, records show.

**6F**  
"Hunger Games" actress Jennifer Lawrence snapped up a 3,184-square-foot, three-

bedroom pad for \$9.03 million earlier this year — and is now looking to rent it out for \$27,500 a month. She purchased

under the LLC New Bedford, though the significance of the name wasn't obvious. It's no surprise she wants to rent it out, since Lawrence is currently on set in London filming the movie "Red Sparrow," in which she plays a Russian spy, according to news reports.

**1A**  
Fashion mogul Kobi Halperin was among the first buyers at the building, plopping down \$6.11 million for a 2,644-square-foot, three-bedroom pad on the first floor. Halperin is the former creative chief at Elie Tahari, though he has since struck out on his own.

**PHF**  
Fashion mogul Serge Azria the brains behind brands like Joie, Equipment and Current/Elliott, appears to be the buyer of a \$14.26 million pad atop the building. The deal came about a year



## AVORA NAMED "COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR," LAUNCHES SECOND PHASE OF CONDOMINIUM RESIDENCES

One of the best-selling luxury condominium buildings in the region is now also the most acclaimed. Avora on the Weehawken, NJ waterfront was named "Community of the Year" at the 30th annual Sales and Marketing Awards (SAM).

Blending contemporary style and an incomparable waterfront setting with an unparalleled level of amenities, services and convenience, Avora has introduced a new level of sophistication to the area's luxury condominium market. Discerning buyers from both sides of the Hudson River have responded, prompting Landsea to release the second phase of residences.

Ideally located just steps from the Port Imperial Ferry Terminal -- which provides an ultra-convenient 8-minute commute into New York City -- Avora features 184 premium one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium homes, including a limited offering of duplex Penthouses. Many residences offer balconies and terraces and unimpeded Manhattan views. Pre-construction prices range from the \$800,000s to more than \$4 million, with initial occupancy scheduled for early 2018.

Exceptional lifestyle amenities include a magnificent



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# The 2017 NBA draft lottery results are in...



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On Tuesday night, pingpong balls replaced basketballs as the NBA's most important spherical objects with its 2017 draft lottery from the Barclays Center. The Boston Celtics were the lucky winners of the draw as they will have the No. 1 overall pick in June.

1



**Boston Celtics**

Last Lottery Pick: 2016  
No. 3, Jaylen Brown

8



**New York Knicks**

Last Lottery Pick: 2015  
No. 4, Kristaps Porzingis

2



**Los Angeles Lakers**

Last Lottery Pick: 2016  
No. 2, Brandon Ingram

9



**Dallas Mavericks**

Last Lottery Pick: 2013  
No. 13, Kelly Olynyk

3



**Philadelphia 76ers**

Last Lottery Pick: 2016  
No. 1, Ben Simmons

10



**Sacramento Kings**

Last Lottery Pick: 2016  
No. 8, Marquese Chriss

4



**Phoenix Suns**

Last Lottery Pick: 2016  
No. 4, Dragan Bender

11



**Charlotte Hornets**

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No. 9, Frank Kaminsky

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**Detroit Pistons**

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No. 8, Stanley Johnson

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**Orlando Magic**

Last Lottery Pick: 2016  
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**Denver Nuggets**

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7



**Minnesota Timberwolves**

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No. 5, Kris Dunn

14



**Miami Heat**

Last Lottery Pick: 2015  
No. 10, Justise Winslow



Eli Manning and the New York Giants are currently tabbed at 9/1 to represent the NFC at Super Bowl LII in Minnesota. GETTY IMAGES

# VEGAS BOOKIES RELEASE NFL SUPER BOWL ODDS

After two straight offseasons of some impressive moves, the oddsmakers certainly think that the New York Giants have a team capable of making a playoff run. The same can't be said of the New York Jets.

According to odds-maker BovadaLV, the Giants are 9/1 shots to win the NFC and head to the Super Bowl, the fifth-best odds of any team in the conference. The divisional rival Dallas Cowboys are 9/2 followed by the Seattle Seahawks and Green Bay Packers, both at 11/2 odds.

The Atlanta Falcons are at 6/1 before the Giants round out the upper echelon of teams according to Bovada.

Not surprising, but the Cowboys at 6/5 are favorites to win the

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NFC East followed by the Giants (5/2). The odds reflect the top-two teams as they finished in the division a year ago, although the Giants did sweep the regular-season series

against the Cowboys.

The outlook for the Jets, according to the oddsmakers, well, it isn't so good. Bovada clearly isn't keen on their rebuild.

The Jets are 100/1 to win the AFC and advance to what would be their second-ever Super Bowl appearance in franchise history. They are tied with the Cleveland Browns for the longest odds.

At 2/1, the New England Patriots have the best odds to win the AFC followed at some distance by the Pittsburgh Steelers and Oakland Raiders, both at 7/1.

Again, no surprise that the Patriots (1/5) are the clear-cut favorites to win the AFC East with the Jets (33/1) rounding out the divisional odds.

## Who is going to Minnesota?

### 2017-18 AFC Champion

New England Patriots: 2/1  
Oakland Raiders: 7/1  
Pittsburgh Steelers: 7/1  
Denver Broncos: 9/1  
Houston Texans: 9/1  
Kansas City Chiefs: 12/1  
Indianapolis Colts: 14/1  
Baltimore Ravens: 20/1  
Tennessee Titans: 20/1  
Cincinnati Bengals: 25/1  
Miami Dolphins: 25/1  
Los Angeles Chargers: 33/1  
Buffalo Bills: 40/1  
Jacksonville Jaguars: 40/1  
Cleveland Browns: 100/1  
New York Jets: 100/1

### 2017-18 NFC Champion

Dallas Cowboys: 9/2  
Green Bay Packers: 11/2  
Seattle Seahawks: 11/1  
Atlanta Falcons: 6/1  
New York Giants: 9/1  
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1 Winter Palace resident  
5 Fray  
10 Stole, perhaps  
14 Cronyn of "Cocoon"  
15 Split to join  
16 Paperless exam  
17 Lotion additive  
18 Type of parking  
19 Grind, maybe  
20 Gem which doesn't sparkle  
22 Kayak cousin  
23 Website  
24 Zippy's word  
25 First-aid devices  
29 Office computer  
33 Pens  
34 Twelve, maybe  
36 It can hide a bed  
37 Elev.  
38 -- out (culls)  
39 P.O. service  
40 Spy - Hari  
42 Lifesaver  
43 Late bloomer  
45 More arrogant  
47 Genuine  
49 Large cask  
50 Compass pt.  
51 Border state  
54 Strongly motivate  
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61 Turkey neighbor

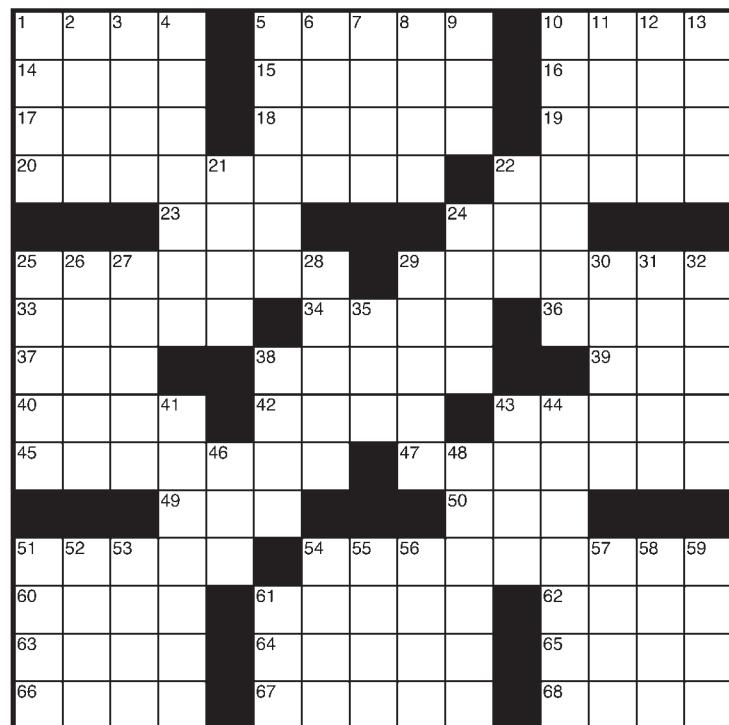
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1 -- does it!  
2 Kirk's helmsman  
3 Roman love god  
4 Supply new gear  
5 Coup  
6 Jai -  
7 Encyc. sections

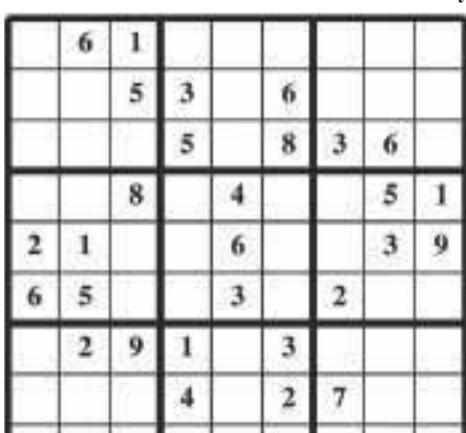
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9 -- on (pretend)  
10 Punk hairdos  
11 Tailor's need  
12 Metric prefix  
13 Swiss painter Paul -  
21 Earnings homophone  
22 IBM and GE  
24 Has a hankering  
25 Rascal  
26 Type of bear  
27 State-run game  
28 Deride  
29 Extinct birds  
30 Nut cake  
31 Bid  
32 Tijuana dad  
35 Donne's "done"  
38 Timely question  
41 Royalty receivers  
43 Governess in Siam  
44 Fragrant  
46 Half a double date  
48 Attack  
51 Baroness Karen  
52 Karate studio  
53 Right now!  
54 Pitt treat  
55 Medea sailed on her  
56 Claim on property  
57 Where Keokuk is  
58 Kind of lens  
59 Wapitis  
61 Long sandwich

## metro.us/crossword



## metro.us/sudoku

easy



hard



**Aries** Compromise will be your best route to success. Getting involved in something you enjoy or feel passionate about will give you the oomph you need to push for excellence.



**Taurus** Step up and make things happen. Use any opportunity you get to show off your skills and take on more responsibilities. Send out resumes or go for an interview.



**Gemini** Flesh out your ideas and move forward quickly. Your innovative approach to life will lead to popularity and the chance to take on a new challenge.



**Cancer** Someone will use charm to manipulate you if you aren't careful. Don't agree to anything before you have a chance to check out what's entailed. Play it safe.



**Leo** Work on your presentation skills, put your best foot forward and offer what you know will be well-received. Going against the grain will backfire and set you back.



**Virgo** An emotional situation will arise with someone you work with or are close to. Do your best to honor your promises without being taken advantage of.



**Libra** Take action and put energy, muscle and creativity into fulfilling your dreams. Personal and physical gains are within reach. Love and romance will improve your life.



**Scorpio** Put more effort into your surroundings. If you aren't happy with where or how you are living, it's up to you to make the changes necessary to ease stress.



**Sagittarius** Traveling, forming partnerships and gathering as much information as possible will lead to good fortune. Your ability to see the big picture will give you an edge.



**Capricorn** Use your intelligence to gauge how much effort you should put into something that shows few benefits. Follow your intuition and live within your means.



**Aquarius** Emotions will surface and are best channeled into something that will lead to self-improvement or a positive change to a meaningful relationship.



**Pisces** Do whatever it takes to make physical and personal improvements without being too vocal about what you are trying to achieve. **EUGENIA LAST**

### Yesterday's answers

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